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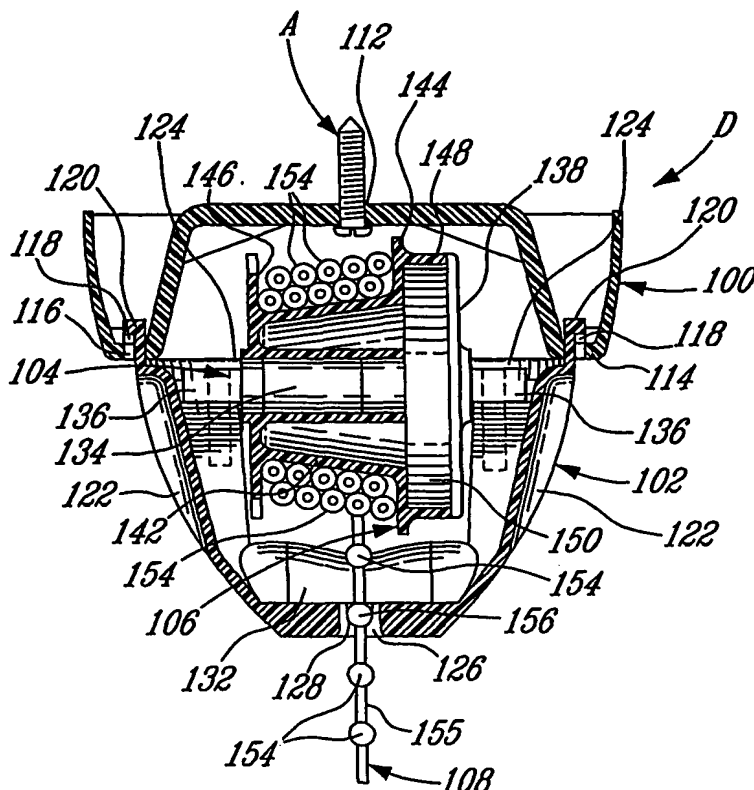
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(54) Title: VERTICALLY ADJUSTABLE DEVICE FOR SUSPENDING AN ARTICLE FROM A CEILING



(57) Abstract: A vertically adjustable
fixture (H,H',D), such as a ceiling hook,
adapted to be secured to an overhead
surface, e.g. a ceiling (C), comprises a
base member (10, 10', 100/102) adapted
to be secured to the ceiling (C), a cable (14,
14', 100/102), and a hook (12, 12', 110) at
a low end of the cable (14, 14', 108) and
adapted to be connected to an article such
that the article may be suspended from
the ceiling. The base member includes a
base (100) mounted to the ceiling and a
cover (102) attachable to the base (100).
An extension/retraction mechanism
provided in the cover (102) includes a
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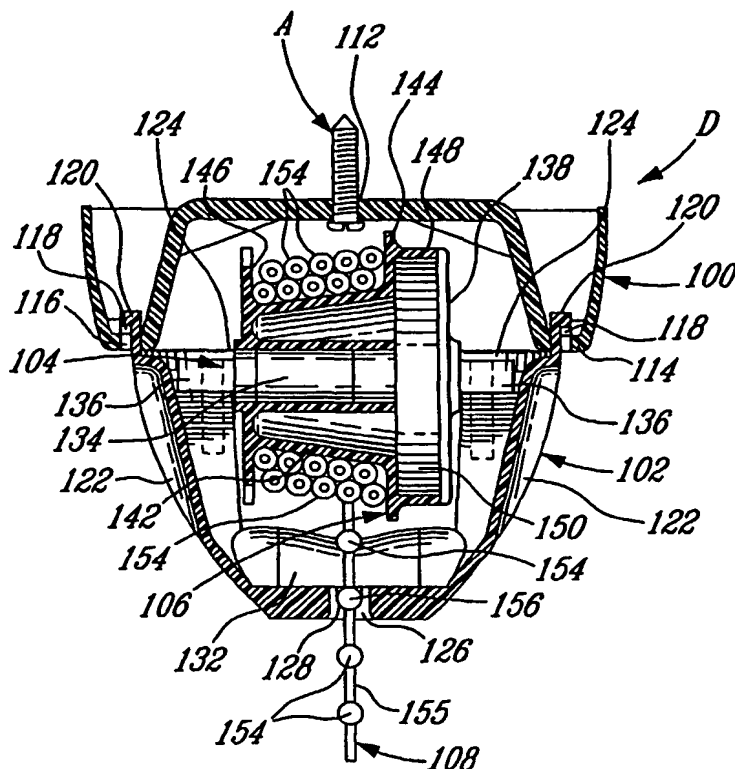
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